

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1081 - HB 1615

April 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all law enforcement firing ranges to be available for public use by organizations when not being used by law enforcement personnel. Provides for the law enforcement agency in charge of the range to establish reasonable regulations for the use of the range. Requires any organization using a law enforcement firing range to file evidence of liability insurance with the law enforcement entity and specifies minimum coverage requirements. Specifies that organizations using such ranges are responsible for cleanup of ranges and failure to do so may result in such organization being prohibited from using such ranges for a period of up to one year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Estimate assumes:

- bill does not provide for fees to be charged for use of law enforcement firing ranges.
- increase in state expenditures for the costs to equip, staff, and maintain law enforcement ranges, including the range at the Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Department of Environment and Conservation's ranger qualifying ranges.
- despite requiring organization's using such ranges to be insured, the state and local governments would still be required to adequately insure the facilities for public use.
- additional legal costs for the state resulting from liability for public organization's use of such ranges.
- increase in local government expenditures for costs to equip, maintain, staff and insure ranges for public use including costs to address environmental concerns.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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